

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Confirmation No.: 9987
Hirotoomi NEMOTO et al.	Art Unit: 3632
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For:	ANTI-VIBRATION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR ENGINE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated May 1, 2009, the period for response being extended one month, from August 1, 2009 to September 1, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees. Claims 1-20 are pending. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,422,546 to Nemoto et al. (Nemoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,427,662 to Tanaya et al. (Tanaya). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for at least the following reason(s).

The Office Action asserts that Nemoto discloses each and every feature recited in Claims 1-20 with the exception of the feature wherein "an active anti-vibration supporting device is prohibited when an abnormality in an operational state of the engine is detected," (*Office Action*, p. 3) recited in claims 1-10, and the feature wherein